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Subject: RE: August 8th Agreements - EPA, State Board, and Central Valley Regional Board

Thank you, Tomás, and sorry that I couldn't attend the joint meeting (we had a hearing with some of our recently-reappointed Board members in front of the Senate Rules Committee that day).

I spoke with Clay Rodgers immediately prior to the meeting and just after the meeting, and I am in agreement with the current course of action.

Thanks again for your engagement on this issue.

Yours.

Patrick

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Jon and Patrick,

I'm sorry that we missed you at our August 8th meeting regarding the Class I Underground Injection Control (UIC) wells at the Elk Hills Power Plant. I wanted to summarize a few agreements we reached with your staff, to help address some of the principal issues of concern moving forward:

- EPA, State Board, and CV Regional Board agreed on a long-term goal of moving injection of the power plant wastewater from the Upper Tulare formation to the Lower Tulare formation. In the short term, there would be terms and conditions that EPA and the State would require for continued injection into the Upper Tulare under a Class V UIC permit issued by EPA.
- By August 31, CV Regional Board will develop a draft monitoring plan that would be required of CRC to continue injecting power plant wastewater into the Upper Tulare. The monitoring plan would be shared with EPA and the State Board for review.
- EPA will schedule a meeting in Bakersfield for mid-late September (avoiding the week of September 10th) amongst EPA/State and Regional Board/CRC to discuss options for the existing Class I wells, including the proposed CV Regional Board monitoring.

I appreciate your ongoing engagement as we work to resolve this matter. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Best Regards,

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